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Fly Bys

AFN programming

Starting today AFN prime Korea will be replaced by AFN xtra. AFN xtra will not only have coverage of the Winter Olympics beginning Feb. 27, but will also have shows geared to 18 - to 35-year-old viewers. Shows include "The Simpsons," and "Amazing Race," as well as wrestling programs. For a complete schedule, visit www.myafn.net. For information on AFN Aviano programming, call Senior Master Sgt. Michael Land at Ext. 8295.

Spouse It Up

The next Spouse It Up is from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the base theater. For more information, call the Family Support Center at Ext. 5407.

Deployed spouses

A deployed spouses briefing is at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Feb. 27 in the community center. The briefing informs spouses of programs available while their spouse is deployed. For more information, call Ext. 5663.

Valentine's dinner

The La Bella Vista Club is hosting a gourmet Valentine's dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday. Reservations are required. For more information, call Ext. 4303.



Photo by Airman Nathan Doza

Area F conservation

Italian contractors installed a new well water pump Friday. The old pump had stopped functioning and caused Aviano members to practice water conservation measures. While the water conservation measures are lifted, conserving resources is still recommended.

Human trafficking law signed

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – The President of the United States signed into law the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 on Jan. 10. This is the latest effort in the U.S. Government's "Zero Tolerance" policy toward human trafficking. Any employee of the federal government faces fines, mandatory restitution, and up to 20 years imprisonment for knowingly taking part in, patronizing, or simply tolerating trafficking networks.

"Human trafficking is an offense against human dignity, a crime in which human beings, many of them teenagers and young

children, are bought and sold and often sexually abused by violent criminals," President George Bush said at the White House before signing the bill. "Our nation is determined to fight and end this modern form of slavery."

Human trafficking is the illegal practice of procuring human beings for unpaid work in physically abusive settings and locations from which they are not allowed to leave. Trafficking in persons is the third largest criminal activity in the world, after illegal arms and drugs sales.

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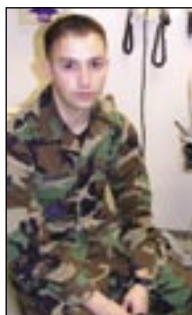
Closed: The Housing Management Office and Furniture Management Office is closed Feb. 20. For more information, call Ext. 7418.

31st FW Sortie Board

sortie: n, a flight of a combat aircraft on a mission

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31st FW goal	905.8	632
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Information current as of Thursday.



DUI effects

An Aviano Airman tells the story of his DUI and the effects it had on his life.

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Check to see if your sweetheart wrote you a Valentine. Aviano members express their feelings for one another.

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Commander's Corner

By Brig. Gen. Robert Yates
31st Fighter Wing commander

World's Finest Warriors- I thought we had a lot to talk about last week – this week, if possible, has been even busier! “Teamwork” is the word of the week again as we worked together and bonded with our Italian hosts to have fun and meet several challenges.

Foremost among the pleasures of the week was the visit of Mrs. Laura Bush, our First Lady. As always, she was gracious, elegant, and her words inspirational. As for you all – thanks for your hard work making the event happen seamlessly.

Of course, I'm referring to Air Force professionals and our Italian Air Force hosts when I use the term ‘you all.’ For example, our ITAF hosts helped us out again when our water pumps weren't working properly, pumping and transporting water continuously to ensure we had ample water to perform the mission. Thanks to our Italian friends for coming to our aid when we needed them. We appreciate the water conservation efforts everyone made while our water was in short supply, and want to let you all know that a new water pump has been installed so our water supply is back in order.

Now, let's move on to the National Prayer Breakfast. First, it was a great turnout! And guest speaker Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, the deputy chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service, was his usual inspirational self. As always, his message was right on target, ranging the spectrum of human emotion from belly laugh to tearful confession. On behalf of the men and women of the World's Finest Wing – I say, ‘Thanks so much, Brigadier General Richardson, for touching all of our hearts and stirring our very souls!’

And the docket of inspirational speakers does not end there – we have another chance next Friday to hear from yet another out-

standing speaker, retired Lt. Col. Lee Archer, an original Tuskegee Airman. He will be here as the keynote speaker for the central event during our celebration of African American His-

tory Month – an 8 a.m. breakfast, Feb. 17, at the La Bella Vista Club. This will provide us with a great opportunity for Colonel Archer to share his experiences and perspective on African American heritage and service to our nation as a Tuskegee Airman. Colonel Archer was a member of the 332nd Fighter Group, the first all-black fighter group established in 1941. The 332 FG's combat record speaks for itself – more than 15,000 combat sorties, 111 enemy aircraft destroyed in the air and 150 more on the ground. And they never lost even a single bomber during escort missions despite the hostile environment they worked within. And Colonel Archer himself was quite the fighter pilot, credited with 4.5 enemy kills - the most in his fighter squadron! I hope you will all join Barb and me as we pause to be inspired by Colonel Archer's words next Friday. Contact MSgt. Virginia Wimmer at Ext. 5519 to reserve your seat!

Finally, the scourge of DUI and excessive alcohol consumption is still with us. I encourage everyone to turn to Page 9 and read about how a DUI ambushed a previously promising career. This weekend, remember the inspiration of those who went before us. Remember the service of those protecting us in the desert today. And remember to do your part to take care of yourselves, your team mates, and your country as you represent this wing and America in Northern Italy. Have a safe, enjoyable weekend and God Bless. I'll see you all rarin' to go Monday on the World's Finest Ranch!



Aviano Airman of the Week

Name: Staff Sgt. Reginald Marshall
Unit: 31st Maintenance Squadron
Job: Munitions systems journeyman
Hometown: Anchorage, Alaska
Family: Tiffany Marshall, wife
Hobbies: Reading, basketball, singing and writing
Why joined: The events of Sept. 11



Aviano members fight terrorism through Operation Eagle Eyes

By Special Agent Tara Valentine
Air Force Office of
Special Investigations

February will be a very busy month for Aviano, and although the emphasis is on the tasks ahead, members should not become complacent or let their guard down.

Aviano members must remain vigilant in recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting to base authorities. This vigilance could thwart potential terrorist activities and save lives.

The Eagle Eyes program informs personnel and their families of what they can do to help prevent terrorist attacks. The program has characteristics of a typical neighborhood watch program with an emphasis on observing activities prevalent to terrorist activities.

The 31st Security Forces Squadron and Air Force Office of Special Investigations agents can't be everywhere all the time, so they need Aviano's help as the first line of defense against terrorism.

Members should report suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at Ext. 7200. Suspicious activity includes surveillance, elicitation, security tests, acquiring supplies, people appearing out of place, doing dry runs and deploying assets.

Surveillance is someone recording or monitoring activities and may include the use of photo or video cameras, taking notes, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars and other vision-enhancing devices.

Elicitation is people or organizations attempting to gain information on military operations, capabilities or people. Elicitation attempts could be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.

Security is tested to assess strengths and weakness and it is used to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures.

Someone could acquire supplies by purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, military uniforms, flight manuals, passes or badges or any other controlled item. Those people could also get ahold of equipment to manufacture such items.

Terrorists usually do dry runs by getting into position and moving around according to plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This can also include mapping routes and determining timing of traffic lights and flow.

When a terrorist deploys their assets is someone's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

If someone sees something suspicious, report it. That call could make a difference.



Photo by Master Sgt. David Underwood

AFAF kicks off

Gen. Tom Hobbins, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant, sign Air Force Assistance Fund forms in support of this year's AFAF "Commitment to Caring" campaign. The campaign runs from Feb. 13 to May 5. AFAF provides Airmen the opportunity to contribute to any of four official Air Force charitable organizations. For more information on the AFAF, visit www.afassistancefund.org.

PC Wars: The next PC Wars is at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18 in the Community Center.

Aviano gears up for exercise

By Senior Airman
Colleen Wronek
31st Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

The base is going to be crowded for the next few weeks as 120 inspectors and more than 250 members of the 48th Fighter Wing from RAF Lakenheath, England, arrive for the upcoming local exercise.

The fourth and final practice exercise begins Monday and the real evaluation begins the week of Feb. 20.

"Major units such as security forces and maintainers should expect to work longer hours, and people should expect to hear the giant voice throughout the day," said Tech. Sgt. James Wells, 31st Fighter Wing Inspections chief of readiness. "Due to briefings, the base theater and parking spaces near the theater will be roped off on specific days. People will still have access to the post office."

Sergeant Wells said the theater schedule has changed so people who have events scheduled should contact the theater. "We had to request theater management not show one movie and advised theater management that some religious services may have to adjust their schedule," he said.

The exercise is scheduled to take place near the 555th Fighter Squadron building and Sergeant Wells said there should be no difficulty getting on and off base.

For the exercise and evaluation, the child development center is taking reservations for extended and/or odd-hour child care hours for families who already use the CDC program. Reservations for Feb. 20 must be in by Monday and must include a \$10 deposit and a form signed by your first sergeant and supervisor stating your work hours. To pick up the form, visit the CDC. For more information, call Ext. 8246.



Photo by Senior Airman Sarah Gregory

Sharing heritage

Staff Sgt. Aronda Young, 31st Comptroller Squadron, reads "In My Mother's Kitchen" by Jeradine Brooks Tuesday during the African American History Month story time for children at the base library. The next history month event is food tasting and spades and dominoes quarter-finals at 6 p.m. today in the community center.



Photo by Perry Adams

Student's court

Marcel Tibbs, plaintiff's counsel, cross-examines the plaintiff Uzuri Amandla during a mock courts-martial as part of Job Shadow Day. Aviano school students shadowed military members Feb. 2 to learn about different career opportunities.

MGIB: Airmen can make additional Montgomery GI Bill contributions above the initial \$1,200. For more information, call Ext. 5330.

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The act goes hand in hand with Executive Order 13387 signed by the President Oct. 14, 2005. Among other changes to the law, the order expands the Uniform Code of Military Justice to specifically criminalize patronizing a prostitute. Patronizing a prostitute is punishable by a Dishonorable Discharge, confinement for 1 year, reduction in grade to E-1 and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

The UCMJ change will mean little difference for the day-to-day lives of U.S. Air Forces in Europe Airmen, said Maj. Charlotte Liegl-Paul, a military justice attorney with Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe. Prior to the order, the UCMJ already criminalized prostitution and "pandering:" accepting money in exchange for sex; compelling, inducing, enticing, or procuring a person to have sex in exchange for money; or receiving money for arranged sex.

Military personnel are subject to UCMJ jurisdiction 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, while on or off duty, while on or off a military installation, and worldwide. However, the majority of U.S. laws do not extend to military dependents, DoD civilians or civilian contractors overseas, making it difficult for the U.S. to enforce rules against trafficking.

However, for U.S. civilians, the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, passed in 2000, made serious crimes committed abroad punishable as if they were

committed in the U.S. The act essentially ensures that DoD civilians and civilian contractors are governed by U.S. law even when operating in lawless regions of the world.

The Reauthorization Act of 2005 specifically makes punishable trafficking in persons offenses committed by persons employed by or accompanying the Federal Government outside the U.S. Bottom line – even when overseas, you're still under the jurisdiction of the U.S., the major said.

Since many people don't fully comprehend the magnitude of the human trafficking industry, DoD has established a new training program clarifying what human trafficking is and what the implications are of becoming involved, said Robert Wisher, DoD's director of advanced distributive learning.

According to Teresa Beasley, the USAFE chief of sexual response and prevention, the computer-based training program is already in place here in USAFE. The 30-minute Trafficking in Persons Basic Awareness Training program focuses on the phenomenon, cause, and prevention of human trafficking as well as the legal consequences and enforcement.

"This annual training is mandatory for all military members, DoD civilian employees and contractors," said Ms. Beasley. "Family members are also af-

ected by the changes to the law. However, at this time the training is not accessible by family members. We will rely on the sponsor to pass along the information gained from the training program."

The overall goal of the training is to change people's attitudes about prostitution and human trafficking and make them realize the victim's side of the story, said Robert Wisher, DoD's director of advanced distributive learning.

"We change attitudes through gripping stories based on actual accounts of what the victims go through," he said.

DoD is also developing a separate training module for commanders about what to do when incidences of human trafficking are reported and a module for investigators about how to handle the reports, Wisher said.

Human trafficking became an important issue for DoD because of the many overseas military units in countries where human trafficking is rampant, such as Korea, said John Awtrey, director of law enforcement policy and support for the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

To access the computer based training program long on to <https://devweb.usafe.af.mil/> or contact your unit training manager.

Editor's note: Information for this story was contributed by American Forces Press Service.

Overcoming a **DUI** charge

One Aviano Airman talks about the cost of his mistake ...

Story of Airman 1st Class Timothy Gallegos as told to Senior Airman Sarah Gregory 31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A normal day

March 23, 2003, began as an ordinary day for Airman 1st Class Timothy Gallegos. After hearing rumors that he made senior airman below-the-zone, Airman Gallegos decided to celebrate with some friends. After having drinks at several local bars and clubs, he and his friends decided to call it a night. Taking the wheel, Airman Gallegos made it as far as Polcenigo before he realized he was to drunk too drive. After pulling over to the side of the road, he fell asleep. The sound of security forces knocking on his window woke him up. What had begun as a normal weekend celebration ended in the collapse of a promising career. This is Airman Gallegos' story.

Waking up

When I woke up, I felt like the whole world was crashing down around me. I knew exactly what was going to happen; I was going to be charged with a DUI and my BTZ opportunity wasn't going to happen. I had made a wrong decision; I hadn't been in the state of mind to drive, but I got in the car anyway. I had the numbers of supervisors and AADD on me. I even had my first shirt's number. I made a bad choice and I didn't have the greatest of influences around me. I didn't think about anyone or whom I could hurt.

Adding up the costs

There are a lot of repercussions that go along with getting a DUI. There are the standard things you normally hear about such as losing a stripe, getting pay deductions and, of course, extra duty. I had been an Airman first class getting ready to put on senior airman so when I got demoted to Airman it was like losing two stripes.

I also received 20 days extra duty, base confinement and lost half my pay for two months. This was before there was a dining facility near the dorms so paying bills and buying necessities and food put a big strain on me. Then, of course, there is dealing with the fact



Photo by Senior Airman Sarah Gregory

Three years ago, Airman 1st Class Timothy Gallegos, 31st Medical Operations Squadron, was on the Air Force fast track. After receiving a DUI March 23, 2003, Airman Gallegos is still experiencing the repercussions from his mistake.

that I got a DUI and wasn't able to drive for a year.

Also, my DUI happened to fall in my career job reservation window so I was never able to get a CJR. Three years later, I'm still unable to re-enlist in the career field I'm in. The only way I can re-enlist now is if I can cross-train.

Out of all the consequences of getting a DUI, telling my family was the hardest part. When I came in the Air Force, it made my whole family, especially my dad, really proud. When I told my dad I was thinking of joining the military, he said 'Make sure you join the Air Force.' It was the one thing he really wanted me to do. Going through Basic Military Training, I had made honor graduate, I was one of the top students in my technical school class and I was up for BTZ. It seemed like I had been laying all the ground work for a successful career in the Air Force. To call my dad and tell him all that had come to a screeching halt was very difficult.

Coping

After the DUI, I felt like my world had crumbled. I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life or where to go. I sat in a numb state for awhile. I felt I had let myself down and all that I had been able to accomplish was gone. Dealing with everything was really hard and, to this day, it's still hard. When I look at my peers from tech school or BMT they want to know

why I'm still an A1C when they're either senior airmen or staff sergeants by now.

My friends – the ones I'd really call friends – were very supportive. They'd help me out when I needed a ride to work or to the commissary and they were there to make sure I was alright or if I needed anything. They let me know I could come back from this. There were a lot of people in the squadron who had pulled me aside to say 'Don't let this affect you the rest of your life. You can come back from this.' I've tried to make the best of it and not let this affect me.

Lessons learned

I learned that the first thing to do [before going out] is to make sure you have a plan. That night there was no plan or even a back-up plan. Also, make sure you look out for your wingman. I'm not saying it was his fault, but my 'friend' wasn't looking out for me that night and I was encouraged to make poor decisions. Don't be afraid to call AADD, your supervisor, shirt or even commander if you have to. Five minutes of yelling during the car ride home is a lot easier than dealing with a DUI or Article 15.

It's very easy to get a DUI; it takes just one moment in time. I never pictured myself getting one. I came to Aviano and heard of the DUI problem and thought it was something that only happens to people who don't think. I thought I had a better head on my shoulders. It can happen to anyone, anytime. It just takes one moment, one mistake.

Speaking out

My shirt has asked me if I would like to speak out and I thought it was a good idea. We always hear leadership speaking about DUIs at commander's calls and it's usually a first shirt, a chief or a commander speaking, but one thing I know from hearing them speak is they've never been through the whole process of getting a DUI. I wanted to come forward because I'm actually someone who's been through it and made my way back from it. Hopefully, sharing my story and letting everyone know the repercussions of it is enough.

I would also like to say to anyone who's been in trouble: you can fight your way back. In 2003 I got a DUI and in 2004 I won Airman of the Year for the squadron and, just recently, I was Airman of the Quarter for the last part of 2005. I'd like to encourage anyone who's ever been in trouble not to give up and not to let one mistake define who you are.

To our little Princesses, Preslie and Paisley, Mommy and Daddy love you!! Happy Valentines Day!

I love you Poopy!! From your little P.F.

To Girl Scout Troop 17, Happy Valentine's Day! Jessica and Mindy

Jess, no poems, no fancy words, I just want the world to know that I love you with all my heart. Love, Simon

Gregory, I love you so much and I hope that your Valentine's Day is special to you and thank you for all that you do. I am so proud to be your wife. Love you, Brittany

Justin, being here without you is torture, and the only thing that keeps me going is knowing we're about to begin our life at our new assignment. You are the love of my life, I need you. I'm forever yours, Nicole

To SSgt Scott Young, roses are red, violets are blue, I'm sure glad to be in Italy with you. Thank you for the love year-round. Your faithful and loving wife, Brenda

To my favorite guys, Hubby Jay and sons Cody, Brett and Riley. Hope you'll be my Valentine! Love always, Jill aka Mom. Have a fun day!

To Cheri from Dave: here's to making it work! Cheers! I love you, Dave

You are the best daddy in the world! We love you so much! Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Allison and Tyler

ML, I don't need a special day for you to show me how much you love me. You do it every day. I am proud to be your wife. I love you, Lylalm

I hate when you are gone, but love when you are home! You have made the past 13 years of my life unforgettable! Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Jennifer

Have a very good Valentine's Day Daddy! I love you lots! Love, Kaylee

To my angel Sandra and our future son Michael. I love you both very much, Alby

Brandywine, I know we are not together this year, but know my heart is with you. You are an amazing and wonderful person, friend, lover and wife! I love you, Peach.

PJ, I am the luckiest man in the world to have you as my wife. You are the love of my life. You are my everything! Thanks for the last 19 years. ML

To my strawberry Theresa, Happy Valentine's Day to the one and only love of my life. You're the most special part of my life and I'll love you always. Happy four-year anniversary, Alex

Jayson, Happy Valentine's Day babe, I love you with all my heart. Thank you for always being there for me when I needed you the most. Kristi

Happy Valentine's Day Cornbread! I love you more than word's can express. I look forward to spending a lifetime of special holidays with you. Love, Peas

Mom side group, you are a great group and great individuals. I am proud of each and every one of you. Life holds great things for you. Just reach out and take it. Love, Mom

Bug, you are a wonderful and special person. Smart, funny and beautiful. You are the best big sister and daughter, a brother and parents could ask for. Don't ever change. Love, US

The love of my life, my friend, my companion, my love, the one I share my life with I love you to the end of time. Being with you is a breath of fresh air. Love you forever, Salina

ML, you are perfect. I love you more than anything. Love, ML

Jalen, my first born; you bring me smiles, you bring me laughter, you bring me joy. My baby boy, mommy loves u.

Jay, thank you for your love and for supporting my dreams and for always making me laugh. You're the best husband, lover and friend and no pink bear could take your place. I love you bunches! Love, Sarah

Dear Eric, I hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day even though your far away. We all love you and miss you very much! Love, Amber

My angel, I couldn't ask for anything more or anyone better to spend the rest of my life with. I can't wait till our special day! I love you. Button

Giuseppe, the spaces between your fingers were created so that mine could fill them in. Happy Valentine's Day! I love you baby! Love always & forever, your wifey! (FP)

Mindy, I appreciate everything you do and I thank God we have each other! Love you! Tony

Biggee Bear, you are a very special boy. You make us so happy. You are the best little brother. We are very proud of you and love you very much. Love Mom, Dad and Yug

Melissa, I wish that I was home to see you. I hate being away from you and Grappa. Love and kisses Peter

To my bay, Happy Valentines Day, JD

Regan, Paul, Christine, Matthew and Xander, thanks for your friendship. It is appreciated more than you will know. We look forward to the many years ahead. Brent, Lori Andrea and Brent

Avani, Earth's first born girl; you bring light into my day, you are my world. Mommy loves u dearly.

Dave, Deb, Jay, Jess, Alice, Joe, Heather and you too Pat, you each have a special place in our home and hearts now and forever. Love always, Mom and Dad (the kids too)

Lover and daddy, we love you very much and you make us proud everyday! Lover, you are my everything. I'd be nowhere without your love and support. I love u! Love, Andrea and Noelle

Michele, Ty, Henley and Jacob, thanks for being such great friends. We are going to miss you so much. Our home and hearts are always open to you. Brent Lori Andrea & Brent

Hey, I just want to send some Valentine's Day love to my friends!! Dene, Tyler, Divina, DeAnna, Levi, Matt, Steph, other Steph and all the rest of you! I love you all! Happy single's awareness day! Lotz-o-Luv, Andrea

Happy Valentines Dork Fishes, what's a corn dog doing down here in this Valentine. Love Mom and Pop Dork Fish.

Hi Mom! I just wanted to say I hope you have the happiest of Valentine's days!! You're the greatest! Not every mom accepts and loves her daughter like you do and on top of that takes in her friends! Luv-u-lotz, Bugaboo

I love you Bubers! I love you a lot! Have a great valentines day! Will you be my valentine please? Love, Sissy

Baybeestar, you will always be the apple of my eye and the cream of my sugar. LOL J. Ivan

Kendall Ann, there could never be a father who loves his daughter more than I love you. Happy Valentine's Day my little girl, Daddy

Hey Daddy! I just wanted to say I love you and thank you for being the true dad you didn't have to be! I want you to have the best of Valentine's days! Love, Bugaboo

Hey bear! I just wanted you to know that even though I may threaten to hurt you daily, I do love you and am so proud to be your big sister! I will always be here for you! Love, Yug

To the beautiful woman that inspires me to travel throughout the world. Your love and dedication make me a better man, and husband. You excite and inspire me every day of my life. Love, Grumbly Bear

To my daughter Kaylee, I hope you know how much I love you. I am so proud of you for everything you do. Hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Mom

Love L

To our little man Kaleb, you are such a sweet little boy. We love you so much. Happy Valentine's Day. Sissy says she loves you bubba, more everyday! Love, Mama, Dada, and Sissy

Lovebird, we could not ask for a better husband, father and friend we love you more than all the grains of sand in the world! Love, Lobster and Boopers

Katt, Happy Valentine's Day! We love you and are so proud to have a daughter like you. Love always, Mom & Dad

Querida Bibiana, gracias por completar mi vida siendo mi esposa. Eres la mejor esposa que un hombre puede pedir, y todo lo que haces por mi lo haces con carino. Te Amo, Tu marido, Rene

Roy, I love you more baby. You're the best husband and Daddy. We're lucky to have you in our lives. Thank you for marrying me and thank you for continuing to make me love you more each day. Love, your wife

To my stud-muffin, you are the most loving and loved father and husband in the world. We love you! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, your honey bunches of oats and your little angel

Happy Valentine's Day Amber. Even though I can't be there with, I'll be thinking about you everyday and looking forward to seeing you when I get home. I love you, Eric

AH, thanks for the last 25 years, may the next 25 be as great. Love always, Sam

Bryan, to my best friend through thick and thin, my dreams came true the day that I met you. Today, tomorrow and forever, I love you.

Letters

Darling, you're on the verge of greatness and you've got me by your side the entire way. When making choices in life, I always come back to you as the best one. Love always, Chad

Michael, my best friend, the wind beneath my wings, the ying to my yang. Thank you for being an incredible husband and father. You are a man of integrity, a rare gem. All my love, Mikiko

Daniel, hey bud. Happy Valentine's Day! I just wanted to say that I love you truly appreciate all that you do and think you are a wonderful father. I love you, Christy

Dear Donna, roses are red, violets are blue, this has to be fewer than 35 words, so simply put, I love you! Love, Don

Charlie Rice, you are the love of my life, and my everything. You have been my Valentine for five years now, be mine again? I love you very much baby, Shayna

M.S.M., I can think of many different moments one would call perfect, but none more rightfully so than those spent with you. Happy Valentine's Day, still smiling, M.H.D.

To Stephanie, Mia and Isaiah, Happy Valentines Day! I love you and miss you guys. Be safe and God Bless. From, SSgt Adam Montoya, Moron AB, Spain

David Edward, I love you with all of my heart and I am so happy that we are together. I love you forever and ever and always, Jamie Lynn

Joshua, my young Einstein. I am so proud of who you are. Your character makes you a shining star. You make this world a better place just by being you. I love you infinity. Love, Mom

Matthew, I love you, I miss you, and I hope to be with you soon. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Evelyn

To my loving wife, Amy, who I adore and love so much, I wish you an outstanding Valentine's Day. May each day of our lives together be a hot Valentine's Day. Love ya, JT

Samantha and Wade, you are the greatest children parents could ask for. We love you both so much and we hope you will never forget that. We love you both more than you love us. Love, Mom and Dad

Carissimo tablespoon, we love, we laugh, we cuddle, and play, and I adore you in every way. For all the good & bad life brings, remember, the best things in life aren't things. BWings2

Jonathan, my little man, my engineer with a handful of batteries hidden under your pillow. You are my sunshine. You bring me so much joy. You are a champion. I love you infinity. Love, Mom

Dan, I love you, you are my world!! Happy Valentine's Day boo! Tiffani

I love you Mommy! I hope you have a great Valentine's Day! Love Kaylee

Bee, I love you and you are the one person that I want to share every adventure with; here and for the rest of our lives. You are everything I need and all that I want. Happy Valentine's Day! Me

Karen, words can't express how grateful I am that God brought you into my life. You've given me 21 years of unconditional love and support. To my best friend and soul-mate, Happy Valentine's Day! A&F Garth

David, when facing life's challenges, I'm glad that you're standing beside me. On this day, know that you are loved, cherished and respected for all you do. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Cher

Aviano tower controllers, I would like to wish all my co-workers in Aviano tower a very special Valentine's Day filled with peace and love. Remember: reach for the moon and if you miss, you'll be among the stars. CL

Mary, if I could've written a list of the things I wanted in a wife I'd have come up short of all of the things you are to me! Happy Valentine's Day! Mitch

My Daddy can fix anything that's broken, even Mini's. You're a great husband and a brilliant dad, love always your 2 girls Nikki and Athena

Happy second Valentine's Day Hannah! Mommy and Daddy love you very much.

Colleen, yesterday, today, and tomorrow, you will always be my Valentine and the very special love of my life. I Love You, Tom

Aylosh, I just want to tell you that I love you with all my heart. I hope to spend the rest of my life with you. I love you more than you love me. Love, Phil

JDN, I love you more than the moon, the sun and the stars! -Rye

To my valentine sweetheart of 35 years, they don't get any sweeter than you! Your hubby.

J, will you be my special Valentine, now and forever? Love with all my heart and soul, your girl, D

Lori, no one treats me better, cooks better, forgives more, or loves greater than you do. You're my love, my life, my everything. I love you for all eternity. Stay with me forever? Love, Adam

Little One, you are my true love and inspiration. I cherish each day we are together and look forward to our future. Know that wherever I go, you are always there with me. Forever yours, PJ

E, did I remind you today you're the most beautiful woman I've ever seen? I love you and the silly little wiener doggie you bought! All my love, Jerome

Honey, sharing life with you feels so familiar and comfortable that I sometimes forget to tell you how much it all means to me and how much I love you. Happy Valentine's Day, GC

Z-Man, J-Dog, Princess McKenna, and Ava Bear, the best kids ever; we love you and are proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad

Melanie, you mean the world to me. I've loved you through the years, and I'll love you forever, Nick

Asawako, you are the love of my life. I thank God daily that you have the patience and courage to stay by my side. This past year is proof that miracles do happen. Asawamo Habang Buhay

Geli, the very breath that gave me hope. You're the reason I strive for bettering myself. I will never let anyone hurt you! I will always be there for you. Love, papa

Peter, Jordan and Matthew, you guys are awesome! Great students, great athletes and great kids. We love you, always! Mom and Dad

Dear Tiffany, I love you with all of my heart. Happy Valentine's Day! Love always, Desmond

To the love of my life, Nicole, you have made me happier than anyone ever deserves to be and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life loving you. Happy Valentine's day!

Sonya, thank you for being in my best friend and my one and only love. Love, Ron

Elise, my sexy valentine. You mean more to me than you'll ever know. I love you more than anything! You will always be the only one for me. Forever yours truly, love always, hubby

From squirrel, to squeegee. Olive Juice!

Nicki you're my princess and me and the boys love you so much. Love, Jim, Tristin, Levi

Happy Valentines to my Joey, SaraLi Lin and Tallie Annah Goodman! XOXOXO! From your Mommy & Wifey

Dustin, Brittany and Chase, you guys are the greatest kids a Dad could ask for! Love you and Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Dad

Rye, you are my compass, my light and my love. Always and forever, Me

Jean, thank you for everything and I'm glad to be spending the rest of my life with you. I love you so much. Wifey

Mamita, thank you for been the wonderful woman, wife and friend that you are and for supporting me all the time. You are my Princess and the Queen of my heart. I love you. Papilicious

To my wife Arianna, these years with you are the most important years of my life. I love you! Fragola

MacD, Happy Valentine's Day. You are a wonderful husband and father! Thank you for all you do for us. We love you very much, DK, JR & LA

Lui, we've known each other as kids and now as parents. I am so thankful you are my best friend and that I could love someone like you who loves me back. Happy Valentine's Day. I love you, Rocky

Natalie, Joshua, and Marissa: I love and miss you very much and wanted to wish you a special valentines day from Iraq! Love, Mack-in-Iraq

Happy Valentine's Day to my husband Monty and children Montia and Lamont Hall. I love and miss you bunches. MM-MMKISS, Claudette

To my loving wife on Valentine's Day, thank you for all you do and for just being yourself. It really makes a difference and isn't unnoticed. Happy Valentine's Day Candy, love Shannon

JRG, Happy Valentine's day handsome! XOXO, your secret admirer

Baby, a chance meeting became a smile, a conversation, a touch, a kiss, destiny. I'm so happy we found each other. I am in love with you now & forever. Happy Valentine's Day, love your honey

Volunteers needed

The community center needs volunteers from 7 a.m. to noon and from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday to help deliver Valentine's Day balloon bouquets. To volunteer, call Richard Totten at Ext. 5470 or e-mail richard.totten@aviano.af.mil.

Sponsor training

Learn how to sponsor effectively and efficiently during sponsor training from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the family support center. For more information, call Ext. 5407.

USAFE Idol

Aviano singers looking for stardom will compete to go to USAFE Idol at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 in the community center. The first place winner receives \$350 and will advance to the USAFE-level competition April 17-22 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The contest is open to all Aviano members. Interested people must sign up at the community center by Saturday. For more information, call Ext. 5479 or visit www.usafesvsmarketing.org/idol.htm.

Munitions

The Munitions Storage Area (Area G) will be closed for business from Feb. 17 through March 19 for an exercise and an inventory. During this time, only emergencies will be supported. For more information, call Ext. 8774.

Combat Education

Airmen interested in a commission can attend a commissioning workshop at 9 a.m. Feb. 17 in the education center. The education center also holds weekly Community College of the Air Force degree sessions. To check current CCAF progress, visit the Air Force Portal at www.my.af.mil. For more information, call the education center at Ext. 5330.

Scholarships

The Defense Commissary Agency and the Fisher House Foundation are accepting scholarship applications through Feb. 22. Authorized applicants include unmarried children under age 21 of active duty, Guard, Reserve and military retiree families. Applicants may

range in age up to 23 years if they are presently enrolled. Application forms are available at the commissary and on the Internet at www.militaryscholar.org.

Interviewing ease

Learn the basics of successful interviewing at Aviano's Family Support Center interviewing class from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 24. The class covers interview techniques such as what to wear, what to bring and how to answer illegal questions. Call Ext. 5658 or 5407 to sign up.

Walk with WIC

Beginning in March, the Women, Infants and Children staff will host a walking adventure from 11:15 a.m. to noon Fridays. Participants meet at the Aviano Dragon Fitness Center track. During the walks, participants talk about different health and fitness topics. Participate in three walks and receive a free pedometer. Call Ext. 7473 for more information.

Awards banquet

The 31st Fighter Wing's annual awards banquet is at 6 p.m. March 3 in the La Bella Vista Club. This year's theme is "Honoring Aviano's Finest" and people interested in attending can contact their unit first sergeants. The uniform for military is mess dress or semi-formal and civilian dress is formal or semi-formal. The cost is \$16.50 for club members and \$18.50 for non-club members. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Michael Land at Ext. 8295.

Spouse scholarships

The National Military Family Association is accepting applications for Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships. Any uniformed service spouse – active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve, or survivor – studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school can apply.

Applications are online at www.nmfa.org/scholar

ships2006 and will only be accepted online. The deadline to apply is April 15.

Passover service

The U.S. Army post Caserma Ederle has a Jewish community sponsoring Passover seders April 12 and 13. Accommodations are available on base or at nearby hotels. For more information, call Lt. Col. Stephen November at 335-794-0564 or the Vicenza chaplain's office at 0444-17-7719 or DSN 634-7719.

IG vacancy

The 31st Fighter Wing Inspector General's office seeks a senior non-commissioned offer to fill the superintendent vacancy. Application packages are due to the 31st FW IG office by March 3. For more information, call Ext. 5662.

Equipment upgrade

Due to an upgrade in mammography equipment and the move to the new hospital, the 31st Medical Group won't have mammogram capability from March 15 through June 15. If you are high risk, feel a lump, or are being followed up for an existing condition and need a mammogram now or during this time frame, call 0434-30-5000 to make an appointment.

Awards dinner

The Maintenance Professional of the Year awards banquet is at 6 p.m. March 18 at Hangar One. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for senior non-commissioned officers, \$20 for NCOs and \$18 for Airmen. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Frey at Ext. 8562.

Embry-Riddle

Students completing Embry-Riddle's six aircraft maintenance courses can get an airframe and powerplant license, an associate's degree in aircraft maintenance and a certificate in aviation maintenance technology. For more information, call Ext. 5140.

Reel Times

Today, 5 p.m. - "Fun with Dick and Jane" Rated PG-13 - A wealthy couple loses their main source of income, causing both to turn to a life of crime. Starring: Jim Carrey, Tea Leoni

Today, 8 p.m. - "Fun with Dick and Jane" Rated PG-13

Saturday, 2 p.m. - "Aeon Flux" Rated PG-13 - A virus has forced humanity into seclusion within a politically-conflicted city and an assassin must target the government's top leader. Starring: Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand

Saturday, 7 p.m. - "Just Friends" Rated PG-13 - Fate brings a selfish, womanizing and successful music executive back to his hometown and the girl of his dreams. Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Amy Smart

Sunday, 7 p.m. - "Aeon Flux" Rated PG-13

Wednesday, 7 p.m. - "Fun with Dick and Jane" Rated PG-13

Thursday, 7 p.m. - "Just Friends" Rated PG-13

(Titles and times are courtesy of www.aafes.com, and are subject to change.)

Fly Bys

Local area activities

Go caving at Trieste's Grotta Gigante, or Giant Cave. The largest tourist cave in the world, the Gaint Cave is famous for its leaved stalagmites that look like palm trees. The cave is open from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. in February and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in March.

Carnevale

Almost every Italian city has at least one day or week-end dedicated to Carnevale celebration. Carnevale in **Venice** is famous for its lavish festivals and this year runs Feb. 17-24. More is offered on the weekends than weekdays, but weekends are also more crowded. Entertainment includes costume parades, fireworks, torchlight boat regattas, live music, fire eaters and jugglers. Since the Venice area is crowded during Carnevale, be careful of pickpockets.

Other Carnevale locations include **Viareggio**, located north of Pisa, which is famous for its 1920 art nouveau style architecture.

Aviano and **Porcia** celebrate Carnevale Feb. 19 and **Sacile** has a celebration Feb. 25. **Muggia**, near Trieste, celebrates Feb. 26. For more information, call Ext. 7555.

Online travel

Visit www.afttravelonline.com for information on airplane and train tickets and hotel reservations.

Travel with ITT, leave the stress at home

By Senior Airman Sarah Gregory
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It was a beautiful sunny fall day, a perfect day for a drive. Determined to get to Bolzano to see the famous Ice Man, I nagged my husband until he agreed to go. Assuring him I knew the way, I confidently grabbed some maps and snacks for the trip. We hit the road with me as navigator. "Just head northish and we'll see signs for Bolzano," I said. Three hours later, we sat in silence as we drove aimlessly around, searching in vain for a sign to point the way.

When we finally made it home, my husband turned to me and said, "We're not going again until you get some directions." After checking some Internet direction sites, I realized getting driving directions would be no easy task. I put off going to see Otzi the Ice Man until I could either find someone who knew the way or convince my husband to take another crack at finding Bolzano.

That is, until I saw that Information, Tickets and Travel was offering a trip to Bolzano and the Ice Man museum. Perfect! Now I don't have to worry about getting lost, the museum being closed or a grumpy husband! I called ITT, signed up and was on my way to a fascinating adventure.

The day of the trip, I had to get up before the sun, but I knew I could sleep on the bus. Having taken an ITT trip before, I knew I could bring a pillow, blanket and a bag and leave it all on the bus. The bus was comfortable and warm and had giant picture windows. The first part of the trip it was dark out so everyone either slept or talked quietly.

After we had been on the road for a few hours, we stopped at a bar to let people use the bathroom, grab a coffee or snack. The break gave everyone a chance to stretch their legs, start waking up and watch the sunrise.

Once everyone was back on the bus and we were on our way, the ITT tour guide could see most of us were awake and taking in the scenery. She took the time to give us some detailed information about the history and region of Bolzano and handed out some maps of the area. She also gave us information on restaurants and popular shopping areas. The maps and the sightseeing



Photo by Senior Airman Sarah Gregory

Since Bolzano, Italy is situated close to the Austrian border, there is a lot of Germanic influence on the food and culture of the town.

tips proved to be invaluable and I referenced the map frequently on the trip.

At the museum, everything was already prepared for our arrival. The cost of the trip included entrance to the museum, so we didn't have to wait in line for tickets. We had a place to securely leave our coats and bags and an English-speaking museum guide led us around.

The ride home was just as smooth as the trip up to Bolzano. Again, we stopped for a snack and restroom break at the halfway point. For those not napping from sightseeing exhaustion, the tour guide played movies on the bus TV sets.

All in all, the ITT trip to Bolzano was easy, fun and relaxing. I didn't have to worry about anything, I got to sleep instead of studying maps and I had a guaranteed museum pass. No matter your destination, taking an ITT trip is definitely a lot less stressful than trying to navigate your way through unfamiliar territory.

For more information on upcoming ITT trips, or to sign up, call Ext. 5072.

Looking to explore? Check out travel advisories, restrictions and other information at usembassy.state.gov before a trip.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sarah Gregory

The Arena di **Verona** is one of the largest and best preserved theaters from Roman times.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Upcoming tours from the Information, Tickets and Travel office include:

- Saturday – Guided Florence
- Saturday – St. Valentine's wine tasting in the Veneto region
- Feb. 18 – Guided Munich
- Feb. 18 – Guided Verona
- Feb. 20 – Carnevale in Venice
- Feb. 24-26 – Budapest

ITT escorts ensure the group arrives and departs from the destination

as scheduled and will do everything possible to make the trip safe and comfortable. Escorts also provide general information about the area. Please note weather conditions and dress accordingly for the trip. ITT staff also recommends wearing comfortable shoes because almost all tours involve walking.

Call Ext. 5072 or 5026 for more information.

Roadrunners Volksmarch into Italy

By Tech. Sgt. Jerome Baysmore
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Traveling and seeing Italy could be expensive at times but not for the Aviano Roadrunners.

Every Sunday morning, local walkers and runners participate in the European past time of Volksmarching. This year, Aviano's group celebrates 30 years of existence.

"Every Sunday morning hundreds of Italians and their families meet in some of the most picturesque places in the area to enjoy a brisk morning walk," said Ms. Gloria Leonarduzzi, 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron. "That's really what Volksmarching is all about, meeting people and walking through some of Italy's most beautiful scenery."

The Aviano Roadrunners meet at 7:45 a.m. at Cafe Municipio in downtown Roveredo and then car pool to that day's event.

Participants may choose to walk or run one of the preset courses of about three, six or 10 miles. People complete the events at their leisure and prizes are awarded based on the number of participants rather than how quickly one finishes the course – no one walks away empty handed.

"The best part of the day is just getting out, seeing the beautiful Italian countryside

while meeting people and seeing places the average tourist will not ever encounter,"

Ms. Leonarduzzi said. "Entry fees are normally €1,50 and the hosts generally offer a token souvenir of the day such as a plant or a small memento for an additional €4 to €6 if you wish to purchase it."

Participants are invited to stop in the restaurants along the course to purchase hot tea, cheese, cookies, salami and beverages.

Most Volksmarch-hosting towns hold festivals for participants to enjoy food and music and sometimes buy local handicrafts. The bottom line of Italian Volksmarching is using a family approach to fitness.

"Of course families are central to everything Italian," said Ms. Leonarduzzi. "Children, grandparents and the family dog share the course with the joggers."

"All you need to do is stop by the town square in Roveredo on Sunday morning and be ready to enjoy yourself doing something that is both fun and healthy."

The Roadrunners are well known in the local area and the annual run to Madonna del Monte (Chrome Dome) is always well attended.

For more information or to join the Aviano Roadrunners, call Ms. Leonarduzzi at Ext. 7404 or Sandy Buna at Ext. 7209.

Fly Bys

History tourney

The African-American History Month three on three basketball tournament is at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Dragon Fitness Center. The dodge ball tournament kicks-off at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Area Two Fitness Center. For more information, call 348-252-4885.

Volksmarch

The Aviano Road Runners are participating in a Volksmarch at 8 a.m. Sunday. The group leaves the Bar Municipio in Roveredo and heads to Vallenoncello. For more information, call Ext. 7692.

Fitness survey

The Area Two Fitness Center is expanding its workout area into the vacated CDC building. The 31st Services Squadron needs input on what Aviano Airmen would like to see offered at the gym. The project will also enable parents to have their child or children in the same workout area. There will be a children's play area in the cardio room only, for the parents' convenience. For more information or to complete the survey, log onto <http://www.31svs-aviano.com/>.

Project Cheer

The Project Cheer Racquetball Tournament is at 9 a.m. Feb. 25 in the Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call Robby England at Ext. 7574.

Area Two hours

The Area Two fitness center hours are from 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and is closed on weekends. For more information, call Ext. 5269.

Volleyball

The Dragon Fitness Center is accepting applications for volleyball players to participate in the 2006 Volleyball Championships at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, March 21-24. For more information, call Ext. 7574.

Take a Spin: Check out the Ride For Life indoor cycling classes in the Dragon Fitness Center.



Photo by James Coburn

Combat armed

Japanese officer Maj. Nobukatsu Kishiura practices escaping from a "suspect" using a hand-to-hand combat maneuver during the security forces basic officer course training Jan. 30 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

